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UA: I CERTAINLY DON'T HOLD ISRAEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT SIUTATION  
(LAUGHTER), AND NEITHER DO I THINK  
THAT LEADERS OF THE ARAB WORLD  
ARE A L SAINTS. NEITHER DO I THINK THAT THEY ALWAYS COME DOWN UNDER  
ALL CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE. I HOPE I  
HAVEN'T LEFT THAT IMPRESSION. WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IS A VERY  
REAL SITUATION THAT EXISTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST OVER WHICH THE ISRAELI  
GOVERNMENT, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT  
AND OTHERS DO HAVE SOME INFLUENCE. AND I THINK THAT THT'S  
ENOUGH OF A PROBLEM WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE QUESTION OF THE  
KURDS HERE THIS MORNING.

32. Q: SENATOR, TOURISM IS THE NUMBER TWO INDUSTRY IN ISRAEL. WHEN  
YOU RETURN TO AMERICA, AT SOME PRESS CONFERENCE, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY  
TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA COMING OVER HERE AS TOURISTS?

A: I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE FINEST AREAS OF THE WORLD, NEXT TO THE BLACK

HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA, AS A PLACE FOR TOURISTS. (LAUGHTER) I WOULD  
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STRONGLY URGE, ON A SERIOUS NOTE, MORE AMERICANS TO VISIT THE MIDDLE

EAST. I WILL STRONGLY URGE MORE CONGRESSMEN TO VISIT THE MIDDLE EAST  
BECAUSE I THINK IT'S AN AREA OF ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE, NOT ONLY

TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE, BUT THE WHOLE PEACE

OF THE WORLD COULD VERY WELL DEPEND ON WHAT HAPPENS HERE. IT'S AN  
AREA OF A RICH, GLORIOUS CULTURAL BACKGROUND AND A GREAT FUTURE. I'M  
VERY CONFIDENT THAT PEACE IS GOING TO COME TO THE MIDDLE EAST. I'M  
VERY CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLES HERE ARE GOING TO LEARN TO LIVE  
TOGETHER, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO STRENGTHEN EACH OTHER. I DON'T  
KNOW WHEN THAT PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED, BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT  
THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION HERE SOONER OR LATER ARE GOING TO  
BE PERCEIVED AND THAT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS PART OF THE  
WORLD WILL REALIZE THAT THEIR OWN PEACE AND PROSPERITY DEPENDS  
ON GETTING ALONG WITH EACH OTHER. AND I SEE THAT AS  
INEVITABLE IN THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

33. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY INDICATIONS FROM EGYPTIAN LEADERS THAT THEY  
WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER INTO A NEW ROUND OF TALKS WITH ISRAEL BEFORE

THE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE? AND ALSO YOU REFERRED  
TO MODERATE LEADERSHIP IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES. DID YOU COME ACROSS  
ANY LEADERSHIP THAT WAS OTHER THAN MODERATE?

A: OH YES. WE CAME ACROSS PEOPLE ALL OVER THE ARAB WORLD WHO..  
NO, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO PERSONALITIES, BUT OTHER THAN TO SAY  
THERE ARE VERY STRONG ELEMENTS OF MODERATION IN THE ARAB WORLD AND ON

WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE MILITANT EXTREMIST  
ELEMENTS THERE. THERE ARE ALL SHADES OF OPINION. THE COURSE  
OF WISDOM FOR US IS TO ALWAYS EVALUATE EVERYTHING WE DO IN TERMS OF  
WHAT WILL GIVE FORCE AND STRENGTH TO THE FORCES OF MODERATION AND TO  
NARROW THE AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FORCER OF EXTREMISM AND  
VIOLENCE. NOW AS TO THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER EGYPT

WOULD NOW ENTER INTO ANOTHER BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT, THE SO-CALLED STEP-

BY-STEP APPROACH, PRIOR TO GENEVA, I'M UNABLE TO SAY, EXCEPT  
TO REPORT TO YOU THAT AS OF A WEEK AGO WHEN WE TALKED TO PRESIDENT  
SADAT, AND I THINK I WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN TO TALK TO HIM AFTER  
THE BREAKDOWN OF THE TALKS, HE WAS VERY SHAKEN UP AND DISAPPOINTED  
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BY THE OUTCOME OF THAT EXPERIENCE. AT THAT TIME HE SEEMED TO  
SAY SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY THAT THE ONLY COURSE WAS GENEVA.  
WHETHER THAT POSITION WILL CHANGE  
I'M UNABLE TO SAY. THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH. ENDQUOTE  
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